IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

	FILED: JUNE 25, 2008
PATRICIA D. FERRARO,) 08CV3638
Plaintiff,	JUDGE KENNELLY
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v.	,) No.
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BEST BUY CO., INC., a corporation; and BEST BUY STORES, L.P.,	(Cook County No. 2008 L 005182)
a limited partnership, and;) JURY DEMAND
HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY,)
a corporation,)
)
Defendants.)

<u>DEFENDANTS' JOINT NOTICE OF REMOVAL</u> <u>PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446</u>

The defendants, BEST BUY CO., INC. and BEST BUY STORES, L.P., ("Best Buy") by their attorneys, THE HUNT LAW GROUP, LLC, and HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, by their attorneys, BELL, BOYD & LLOYD, L.L.P., hereby give notice that this action has been removed from the Cook County Circuit Court, Law Division, of the State of Illinois, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, and respectfully state to the Court as follows:

1. The plaintiff filed a civil complaint, captioned *Patricia D. Ferraro v. Best Buy Co., Inc., a corporation; and Best Buy Stores, L.P., a limited partnership; and Hewlett-Packard Company, a corporation,* on May 9, 2008. The complaint alleges that the plaintiff sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature from the overheating of a HEWLETT-PACKARD notebook computer's power cord purchased from a Best Buy store. (See Complaint at Law, attached hereto as *Exhibit A.*)

- 2. Best Buy was served with the complaint on May 27, 2008. (See Summons and Proof of Service, attached hereto as Exhibit B.)
- 3. HEWLETT-PACKARD was served with the complaint on May 27, 2008. (See Summons and Proof of Service, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>.)
- 4. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, and this action may be removed to this Court by the defendant pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because it is a civil action between citizens of different states, the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs, and this Court is the District Court of the United States for the district and division encompassing the place where the action is pending.
- 5. The plaintiff, Patricia D. Ferraro, is now and was at the time of the commencement of this lawsuit a resident and citizen of the State of Illinois, and is not a resident or citizen of the same state as the defendant. (See letter, dated June 24, 2008, attached hereto as Exhibit D.) Specifically, the plaintiff is employed by the City of Chicago as a member of the Chicago Police Department. (See *id*.)
- 6. The plaintiff named BEST BUY CO., INC., as a defendant in this case. BEST BUY CO., INC., is a Minnesota Corporation with is principal place of business in Richfield, Minnesota.
- 7. The plaintiff named BEST BUY STORES, L.P., as a defendant in this case. To determine the citizenship of a partnership, the citizenship of each of its partnership layers and/or members must be traced through to confirm that diversity exists. *See, Hart v. Terminex Intern.* 336 F.3d 541, 543 (7th Cir. 2003). BEST BUY STORES, L.P., is a Virginia Limited Partnership with its principal place of business in Richfield, Minnesota.

- 8. BEST BUY STORES, L.P., is comprised of a general partner and a limited partner. The general partner of BEST BUY STORES, L.P., is BBC Property Co. BBC Property Co., is a Minnesota Corporation with its principal place of business in Richfield Minnesota. The limited partner of BEST BUY STORES, L.P., is BBC Investment Co., a Nevada Corporation with its principal place of business in Richfield, Minnesota.
- 9. The plaintiff named HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY as a defendant in this case. HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in Palo Alto, California.
- 10. Accordingly, neither BEST BUY CO., INC., BEST BUY STORES, L.P., nor HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY is a citizen or resident of the same state as the plaintiff and there is complete diversity between each of the defendants and the plaintiff pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b).
- 11. As previously noted, for diversity jurisdiction to exist as a proper basis of removal, the matter in controversy must exceed the sum or value of \$75,000. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
- 12. The plaintiff's complaint includes a prayer for "an amount in excess of \$50,000.00," which is the minimum jurisdictional requirement for lawsuits filed in the Law Division of the Cook County Circuit Court. In addition, the plaintiff's counsel has filed an affidavit, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 222, stating that damages exceed \$50,000.00. The allegations of the plaintiff's complaint are strict products liability, negligence, and breach of implied warranty. The plaintiff seeks damage for "injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature." (See Exhibit A.) During a telephone conference with one of Hewlett-Packard's counsel, the

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plaintiff's counsel advised Hewlett-Packard's counsel that the plaintiff seeks to recover damages in excess of \$75,000 for the injuries alleged in the Complaint. (See Exhibit D)

- 13. Accordingly, the defendants state that it is their in good faith belief that the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 14. This Notice of Removal is being filed within the thirty days of the receipt of the plaintiff's complaint as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Plaintiff's complaint was filed on May 9, 2008 and the defendants were served with a copy of the complaint on May 27, 2008. This notice is filed on June 25, 2008, within thirty days of the date of service of plaintiff's complaint. (See Exhibit B.)
- 15. A true and accurate copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois promptly after the filing of this Notice of Removal. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal and a copy of the Notice of Removal will also be provided to plaintiff's counsel, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 16. Attached to this Notice of Removal are true and correct copies of all process, pleadings, and orders filed in the aforesaid action. In addition to the complaint, summonses and proof of service affidavits, attached above, the remaining state court filings are attached hereto as Exhibit E.

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WHEREFORE, the defendants, BEST BUY CO., INC., BEST BUY STORES, L.P., and HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY hereby give notice that the matter captioned *Patricia D*.

Ferraro v. Best Buy Co., Inc., a corporation; and Best Buy Stores, L.P., a limited partnership; and Hewlett-Packard Company, a corporation, Case No. 08 L 005182 filed in the Law Division of the Cook County Circuit Court in the State of Illinois is removed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

THE DEFENDANTS DEMAND A TRIAL BY JURY.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CIRCU COUNTY DI	UIT COURT O	Filed 06/25/2008 F COOK COUNTY LAW DIVISION	U	6- AW	TED.
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COMPLAINT AT LAW

COUNT I

Strict Liability/Best Buy Co., Inc./Unsafe Power Cord/Personal Injuries

Plaintiff, PATRICIA D. FERRARO ("FERRARO"), complaining of defendant, BEST BUY CO., INC., ("BEST BUY") a corporation, states:

- 1. On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUY was in the business of selling and/or distributing laptop computers at a store commonly known as "Best Buy" located at 11 Countryside Plaza Countryside, Illinois 60525.
- 2. On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUY placed certain laptop computers into the stream of commerce.
- 3. On and before May 12, 2006, FERRARO bought from BEST BUY a new notebook laptop computer which was designed and manufactured by defendant HEWLETT PACKARD COMPANY ("HP") bearing serial number F3-06010008230B.
- 4. Shortly thereafter, FERRARO was using the HP laptop computer when the power cord overheated while it was resting on or near plaintiff's right forearm.

- 5. On May 12, 2006, and at the time it left the control of defendant, BEST BUY, the subject HP laptop was defective and in an unsafe condition in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. It was manufactured and sold without adequate protection or insulation on its power cord to prevent overheating during normal and foreseeable use; and,
 - b. It was manufactured and sold without adequate or sufficient warnings on instructions to purchasers such as plaintiff that it could overheat during normal or foreseeable use.
- 6. As a proximate result of one or more of the foregoing defective and unsafe conditions in the subject HP laptop computer, FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, BEST BUY CO., INC., for a sum in excess of jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT II

Negligence /Best Buy Co., Inc./Unsafe Power Cord/Personal Injuries

Plaintiff, PATRICIA D. FERRARO ("FERRARO"), complaining of defendant, BEST BUY CO., INC., ("BEST BUY") a corporation, states:

- 1. On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUY owned, operated, managed, maintained and/or controlled a certain business commonly known as "Best Buy" located at 11 Countryside Plaza Countryside, Illinois 60525.
- 2. On May 12, 2006, BEST BUY sold laptop computers designed, manufactured and distributed by defendant Hewlett-Packard Company ("HP").
- 3. On May 12, 2006, FERRARO purchased from BEST BUY a new HP notebook laptop bearing serial number F3-06010008230B.

- Shortly thereafter, FERRARO was using said laptop computer when the power 4. cord overheated while it was resting on and in close proximity to plaintiff's right forearm.
- On and before May 12, 2006, defendant, BEST BUY, was negligent in one or 5. more of the following ways:
 - Failed to adequately and properly inspect the laptop to ascertain a. whether it was safe;
 - Failed to adequately and properly warn that the power cord could b. overheat, and,
 - Failed to remove from its shelves said laptop when it knew or c. should have known it was necessary for safety to do so.
- As a proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent acts or omissions 6. plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, BEST BUY CO., INC., for a sum in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT III

Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability/Best Buy Co., Inc.

Plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, complaining of defendant, BEST BUY CO., INC., a corporation, states:

- On and before May 12, 2006, defendant BEST BUY was a merchant in the 1. business of selling laptop computers.
- On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUTY sold laptop computers into the stream 2. of commerce in Illinois.
- On May 12, 2006, BEST BUY sold a HP notebook laptop computer to 3. FERRARO.

- 4. At all times relevant, Defendant BEST BUY knew the ordinary purpose for which the aforesaid laptop computer would be used.
- 5. Defendant BEST BUY warranted by implication at the time of sale in accordance with the Illinois Compiled Statutes that the laptop computers were reasonably fit, sufficient and of merchantable quality for their intended and/or foreseeable use.
- 6. Defendant BEST BUY breached its implied warranty of merchantability by selling the laptop computer in an unfit and unsuitable condition for the purpose for which it was placed into the stream of commerce.
- 7. The unfitness of the aforesaid HP laptop computer existed at the time of sale and continued until the Plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, was injured on May 17, 2006.
- 8. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid breaches of the implied warranty of merchantability, Plaintiff, FERRARO sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.
- 9. On May 17, 2006, as plaintiff was using the HP laptop computer, the powercord overheated and she sustained injuries.
- 10. On and before May 17, 2006, defendant BEST BUY breached the implied warranty of merchantability in one or more of the following respects:
 - (a) It sold the laptop computer without adequate protection or insulation on its power cord to prevent overheating during normal and foreseeable use, and,
 - (b) It sold the laptop computer without adequately warning the user, including plaintiff, regarding the danger that the power cord could overheating during normal and foreseeable use.
- 11. As a proximate result of one or more of the breaches of the implied warranty of fitness for patent purposes, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, BEST BUY CO., INC., a corporation, for a sum in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT IV

Strict Liability/Best Buy Stores, LLP/Unsafe Power Cord/Personal Injuries

- 1. On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUY STORES, LLP ("BEST BUY STORES") was in the business of selling and/or distributing laptop computers designed and manufactured by defendant Hewlett-Packard Company ("HP").
- 2. On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUY STORES placed certain HP laptop computers into the stream of commerce.
- 3. On and before May 12, 2006, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, bought from BEST BUY STORES a HP notebook laptop bearting serial number F3-06010008230B.
- 4. Shortly thereafter, plaintiff was using the laptop computer when the power cord overheated while it was resting on or near plaintiff's right forearm.
- 5. On May 12, 2006, and at the time it left the control of defendant, BEST BUY STORES, the laptop was defective and in an unsafe condition in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. It was manufactured and sold without adequate protection from overheating during normal and foreseeable use; and,
 - b. It was manufactured and sold without adequate or sufficient warnings on instructions to purchasers such as plaintiff that it could overheat during normal or foreseeable use.
- 6. As a proximate result of one or more of the foregoing defective and unsafe conditions in the laptop computer, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, BEST BUY STORES, L.P., for a sum in excess of jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT V

Negligence /Best Buy Stores, L.P. /Unsafe Power Cord/Personal Injuries

Plaintiff, PATRICIA D. FERRARO ("FERRARO"), complaining of defendant, BEST BUY STORES, L.P. ("BEST BUY STORES"), a corporation, states:

- 1. On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUY STORES owned, operated, managed, maintained and/or controlled a certain business commonly known as "Best Buy" located at 11 Countryside Plaza Countryside, Illinois 60525.
- 2. On May 12, 2006, BEST BUY STORES sold laptop computers designed, manufactured and distributed by defendant HP.
- On May 12, 2006, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, purchased from BEST BUY
 STORES a new HP notebook laptop, serial number F3-06010008230B.
- 4. Shortly thereafter, plaintiff was using said laptop when the power cord overheated while it was resting on and in close proximity to plaintiff's right forearm.
- 5. On and before May 12, 2006, defendant, BEST BUY STORES, was negligent in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Failed to adequately and properly inspect the laptop to ascertain whether it was safe;
 - b. Failed to adequately and properly warn that the power cord could overheat, and,
 - c. Failed to remove from its shelves said laptop when it knew or should have known it was necessary for safety to do so.

6. As a proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent acts or omissions plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, BEST BUY STORES, L.P. for a sum in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT VI

Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability/Best Buy Stores, L.P.

Plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO ("FERRARO"), complaining of defendant, BEST BUY STORES, L.P. ("BEST BUY STORES"), a corporation, states:

- 1. On and before May 12, 2006, defendant BEST BUY STORES was a merchant in the business of selling laptop computers.
- 2. On and before May 12, 2006, BEST BUY STORES sold laptop computers into the stream of commerce in Illinois.
- On May 12, 2006, BEST BU STORES sold a HP notebook laptop computer to FERRARO.
- 4. At all times relevant, Defendant BEST BUY STORESknew the ordinary purpose for which the aforesaid laptop computer would be used.
- 5. Defendant BEST BUY STORES warranted by implication at the time of sale in accordance with the Illinois Compiled Statutes that the laptop computers were reasonably fit, sufficient and of merchantable quality for their intended and/or foreseeable use.
- 6. Defendant BEST BUY STORES breached its implied warranty of merchantability by selling the laptop computer in an unfit and unsuitable condition for the purpose for which it was placed into the stream of commerce.

- The unfitness of the aforesaid HP laptop computer existed at the time of sale and 7. continued until FERRARO was injured on May 17, 2006.
- As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid breaches of the implied warranty 8. of merchantability, Plaintiff, FERRARO sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.
- On May 17, 2006, as plaintiff was using the HP laptop computer, the powercord 9. overheated and she sustained injuries.
- On and before May 17, 2006, defendant BEST BUY STORES breached the 10. implied warranty of merchantability in one or more of the following respects:
 - it sold the laptop computer without adequate protection or insulation on its (a) power cord to prevent overheating during normal and foreseeable use; and,
 - it sold the laptop computer without adequately warning the user, including (b) plaintiff, regarding the danger that the power cord could overheating during normal and foreseeable use.
- As a proximate result of one or more of the breaches of the implied warranty of 11. fitness for patent purposes, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, BEST BUY CO., INC., a corporation, for a sum in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT VII

Strict Liability/Hewlett-Packard Company /Unsafe Power Cord/Personal Injuries

Plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO ("FERRARO"), complaining of defendant, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY ("HP"), a corporation, states:

1. On and before May 12, 2006, HP was in the business of selling and/or distributing laptop computers.

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- 2. On and before May 12, 2006, HP placed certain laptop computers into the stream of commerce.
- 3. On and before May 12, 2006, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, bought from HP a HP notebook laptop, serial number F3-06010008230B.
- 4. Shortly thereafter, plaintiff was using the laptop computer when the power cord overheated while it was resting on or near plaintiff's right forearm.
- 5. On May 12, 2006, and at the time it left the control of defendant, HP, the laptop was defective and in an unsafe condition in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. It was manufactured and sold without adequate protection from overheating during normal and foreseeable use; and,
 - b. It was manufactured and sold without adequate or sufficient warnings on instructions to purchasers such as plaintiff that it could overheat during normal or foreseeable use.
- 6. As a proximate result of one or more of the foregoing defective and unsafe conditions in the laptop computer, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, for a sum in excess of jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT VIII

Negligence - HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY/Unsafe Power Cord/Personal Injuries

Plaintiff, PATRICIA D. FERRARO, complaining of defendant, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY ("HP"), a corporation, states:

- 1. On and before May 12, 2006, HP owned, operated, managed, maintained and/or controlled a certain business commonly known as "Best Buy" located at 11 Countryside Plaza Countryside, Illinois 60525.
- 2. On May 12, 2006, HP sold laptop computers designed, manufactured and distributed by defendant HP.
- 3. On May 12, 2006, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, purchased from HP a new HP notebook laptop, serial number F3-06010008230B.
- 4. Shortly thereafter, plaintiff was using said laptop when the power cord overheated while it was resting on and in close proximity to plaintiff's right forearm.
- 5. On and before May 12, 2006, defendant, HP, was negligent in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Failed to adequately and properly inspect the laptop to ascertain whether it was safe;
 - b. Failed to adequately and properly warn that the power cord could overheat,; and,
 - c. Failed to equip the power cord with adequate and sufficient insulation to prevent overheating during normal and foreseeable
- 6. As a proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent acts or omissions plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, for a sum in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

COUNT IX

Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability/Hewlett-Packard Company

Plaintiff, PATRICIA D. FERRARO, complaining of defendant, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY ("HP"), a corporation, states:

- 1. On and before May 12, 2006, defendant HP was a merchant in the business of manufacturing and selling laptop computers.
- 2. On and before May 12, 2006, HP maintained and sold laptop computers into the stream of commerce in Illinois.
- 3. On May 12, 2006, FERRARO bought a HP notebook laptop computer at BEST BUY.
- 4. At all times relevant, Defendant HP knew the ordinary purpose for which the aforesaid laptop computer would be used.
- 5. Defendant HP warranted by implication at the time of sale in accordance with the Illinois Compiled Statutes that the laptop computers were reasonably fit, sufficient and of merchantable quality for their intended and/or foreseeable use.
- 6. Defendant HP breached its implied warranty of merchantability by selling the laptop computer in an unfit and unsuitable condition for the purpose for which it was placed into the stream of commerce.
- 7. The unfitness of the aforesaid HP laptop computer existed at the time of sale and continued until the Plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, was injured on May 17, 2006.
- 8. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid breaches of the implied warranty of merchantability, Plaintiff, FERRARO sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.
- 9. On May 17, 2006, as plaintiff was using the HP laptop computer, the powercord overheated and she sustained injuries.

10. On and before May 17, 2006, defendant HP breached the implied warranty of merchantability in one or more of the following respects:

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- (a) It manufactured and sold the laptop computer without adequate protection or insulation on its power cord to prevent overheating during normal and foreseeable use; and,
- (b) It manufactured and sold the laptop computer without adequately warning the user, including plaintiff, regarding the danger that the power cord could overheating during normal and foreseeable use.
- 11. As a proximate result of one or more of the breaches of the implied warranty of fitness for patent purposes, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, PATRICIA FERRARO, demands judgment against defendant,
HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, a corporation, for a sum in excess of the jurisdictional
limit of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

PATRICIA D. FERRARO,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)) No
BEST BUY CO., INC., a corporation; and BEST BUY STORES, L.P., a limited partnership, and;)
HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, a corporation,))
Defendants.)

AFFIDAVIT

- I, Francis P. Morrissey, state under oath:
- I am an attorney associated with Burke, Mahoney & Wise and am responsible for 1. filing of the Complaint at Law in this matter.
- The total of money damages sought by plaintiff does exceed \$50,000.00, 2. exclusive of interest and costs.

Francis P. Morrissey

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EXHIBIT B

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June 24, 2008

Francis P. Morrissey, Esq. Burke Mahoney & Wise 161 N. Clark Street, Suite 2240 Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: Patricia Ferraro v. Best Buy Co. and Hewlett-Packard Co.

Case No. 08 L 5182

Dear Frank:

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the above-noted matter with me today. Specifically, we discussed the claimed value of damages you seek on behalf of your client from the Defendants. During our conversation you advised me that your client seeks damages for the injuries alleged in her complaint in excess of \$75,000. Furthermore, in an earlier telephone conference, you have advised me that the Plaintiff is employed by the City of Chicago as a member of the Chicago Police Department.

As you know, I have made this inquiry on behalf of my client in order to ascertain whether this case meets the jurisdictional requirements for removal to the United States District Court. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Hayes, Sr.

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BEST BLY CO INC

THERE WILL BE A CASE MANAGEMENT CALL OF YOUR CASE ON WEDNESDAY THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN ROOM 2202 AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE DALEY CENTER COURT HOUSE, 50 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, CHICAGO, IL

ATTENTION

ALL ATTORNEYS OF RECORD MUST APPEAR

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION PATRICIA D. FERRARO, Plaintiff, No. ν. Froduct Liability BEST BUY CO., INC., a corporation; and BEST BUY STORES, L.P., a limited partnership, and; HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, a corporation, Defendants.

JURY DEMAND

The undersigned demands a jury trial.

Francis P. Morrissey

Name: Francis P. Morrissey

Attorney for: Plaintiff

Address: 161 North Clark

Suite 2240

City: Chicago, Il 60601

(312) 580-2040 Telephone:

Atty. No.: 38901

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CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS **EASTERN DIVISION**

	FILED: JUNE 25, 2008
PATRICIA D. FERRARO,) 08CV3638
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and BEST BUY STORES, L.P., a limited partnership, and;)) JURY DEMAND
HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY,)
a corporation,)
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Defendants.)
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NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Francis P. Morrissey Michael G. Mahoney Burke, Mahoney & Wise 161 N. Clark Street, Suite 2240 Chicago, IL 60601

Michael J. Hayes, Sr. Daniel J. Hayes Bell Boyd & Lloyd

70 W. Madison Street, Suite 3100

Chicago, IL 60602

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 25, 2008, there was filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, DEFENDANTS' JOINT NOTICE OF REMOVAL PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446, ATTORNEY APPEARANCE FORMS, copies of which are attached hereto.

THE HUNT LAW GROUP, LLC

/s/ W. Scott Trench By:

W. Scott Trench ID Number 6208397

THE HUNT LAW GROUP, LLC Attorneys for Defendant 225 W. Washington, 18th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 384 - 2300

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify, under penalty of perjury that I accomplished service pursuant to ECF as to Filing Users and pursuant to LR 5.5 for all parties that are not Filing Users on the 25th day of June 2008, before 5:00 p.m.

/s/ W. Scott Trench W. SCOTT TRENCH

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